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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Also enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time to respond for three months, from November 24, 2005 to February 24, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.